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Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to implement Alternative 1 which was analyzed in EA (Environmental Assessment) Number OR-086-03-02. This alternative would entail a density management thinning on approximately 647 acres of 35-65 year old, relatively dense Douglas-fir stands. New temporary roads, and reconstructed roads that would be built to support the thinning, would be decommissioned at the completion of the project. This project will result in a net decrease of 1.6 miles of roads within the project area. In addition, 298 acres of wildlife habitat enhancement would occur in stands that would not be treated with density management. The BLM will pursue acquiring legal access to implement these projects. These projects would occur in T3S, R6W sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 35, 36; and T3S R5W sections 17, 19, 29, 31, 33; and T4S R6W sections 1, 2; and T4S R5W section 7 Willamette Meridian..

Enclosed for your inspection are the EA and preliminary FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). **I encourage you to provide substantive comments in writing regarding this proposed decision and preliminary FONSI on or before July 11, 2003 to Carolina Hooper, Project Lead, at the above address.** Comments received will be considered in making the final decision for each of these projects. It is anticipated that two timber sales would be generated from the density management project in this decision. The first timber sale called Baker Creek I, would include approximately 300 acres of land in T3S R6W section 25, 35; T3S R5W sections 29 and 33; the final decision (the notice of sale) is anticipated in November, 2003. The second timber sale, called Baker Creek II, will include approximately 347 acres in T3S R5W section 31; T4S R6W section 1; T4S R5W section 7; and the final decision (the notice of sale) is anticipated in November, 2004. The final decision for the wildlife habitat enhancement will be issued by October 2003. Legal notices of these final decisions are anticipated to be published in the *Headlight Herald* and *The McMinnville NewsRegister* newspapers respectively of Tillamook and McMinnville, Oregon.

Comments, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Also, names of those who comment may be published as an addendum to the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional information, contact Carolina Hooper at the above address or telephone (503) 815-1119 or (503) 315-5927.

Sincerely,

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